GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2940
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2001
INCLUSION OF DHOBI CASTE IN SC LIST
DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashra have sent any proposal to the Union Government to include the Parit (Dhobi) caste in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the decisions taken by the Union Government on the above proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a)to(c) A proposal for inclusion of `Parit (Dhobi)` Community in the list of Scheduled Castes of Maharashtra was processed as per approved modalities and sent to Government of Maharashtra for comments. Government of Maharashtra has not recommended the proposal as the community does not fulfill the criteria for notifying a community as Scheduled Caste. As such, no further action is deemed necessary on this proposal.